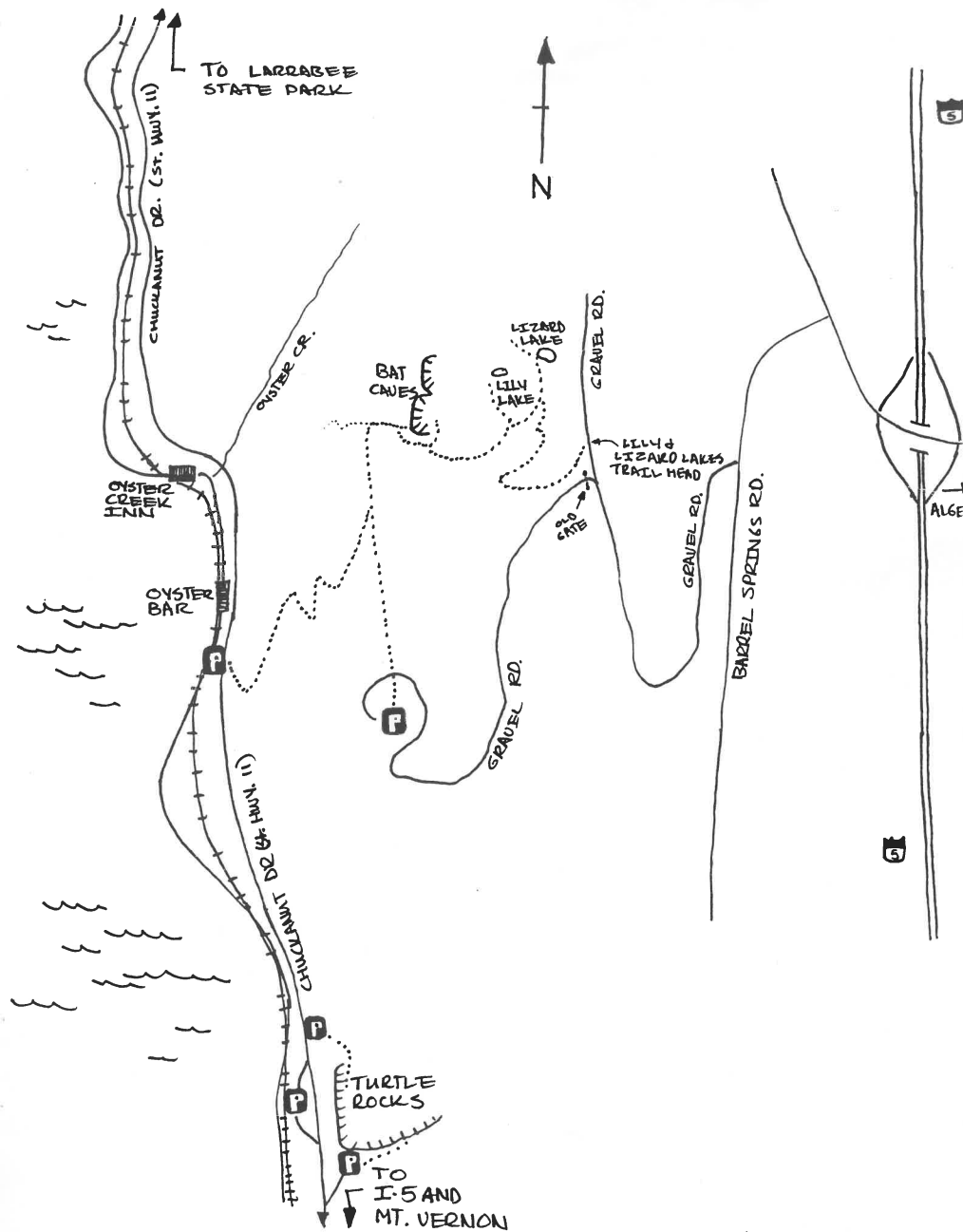
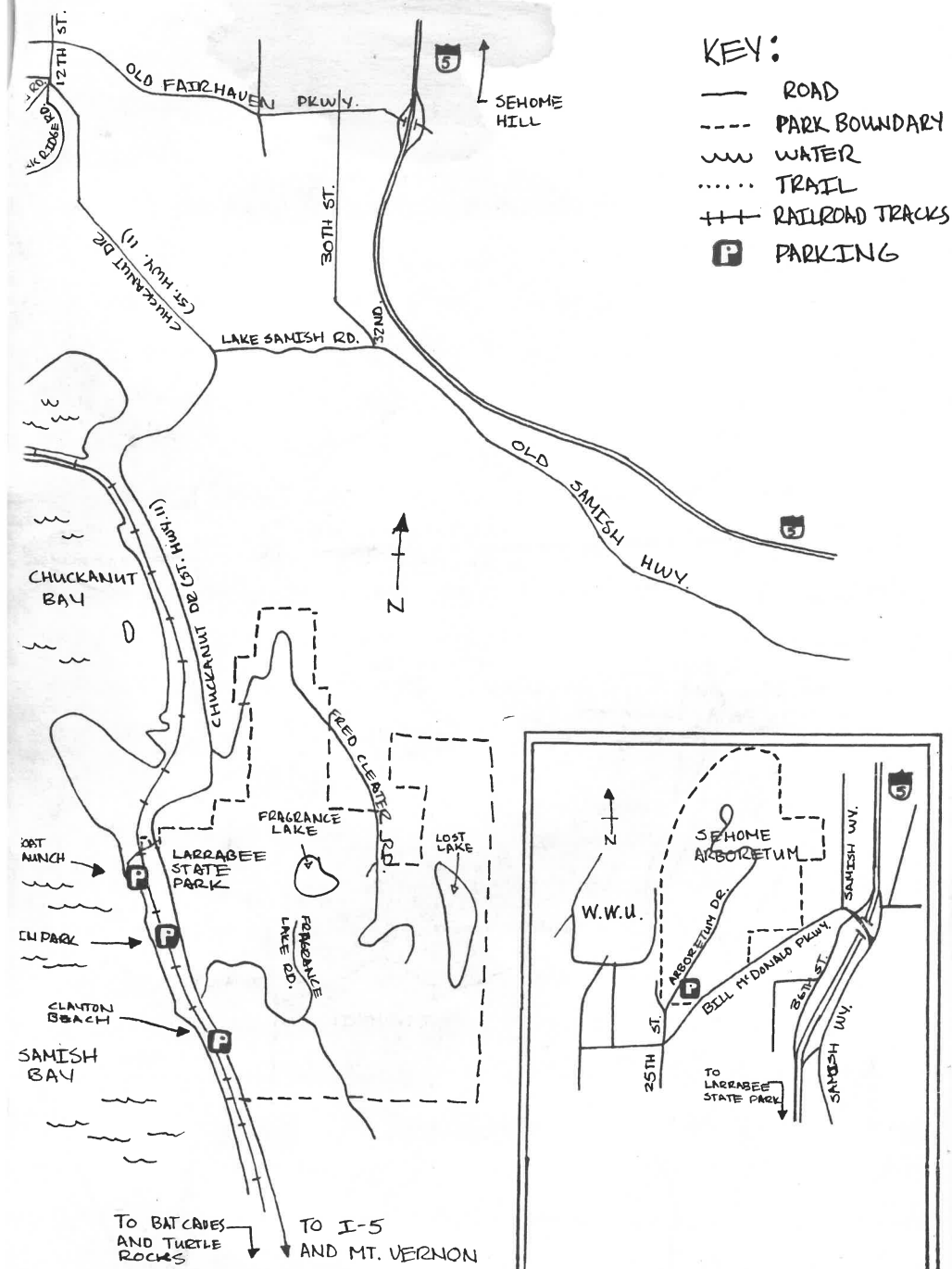


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## INTRODUCTION

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### PREFACE

In the last few years climbing has boomed in the Bellingham area. More and more climbers are flocking to the cliffs every day. So, in response to the growing sport, I have tried to accumulate as much information on the routes and ratings in the Chuckanut Drive area as possible. In doing so, I would hope that local climbers haven't been angered. My aim at writing this guide isn't to overpopulate our relatively small climbing areas, but to help visitors enjoy the same wonderful climbing experiences we hold so dear.

This guide book includes the whole Chuckanut Drive area, including Larrabee State Park, The Bat Caves, Turtle Rocks, Sehome Hill, and other surrounding new developments. The past guides for this area have been incomplete and this new guide hopes to fill in all the blank areas (to complete the old ones and update them).

### HOW TO GET TO CHUCKANUT DRIVE

Chuckanut Dr. is located just south of Bellingham, Washington. to get there, travel along Interstate-5 until you reach the Old Fairhaven Parkway exit at the south end of Bellingham. Then travel west until you reach an intersection with 12th street. Turn left, and stay left, onto what later becomes Chuckanut Drive. This gets you to Chuckanut Drive itself, but to receive specific directions to each crag you must consult the specific introductions for each section.

### WEATHER

Washington is notorious for rain so watch out! Many trips have started in beautiful weather and ended in dizzying rainstorms. So, be prepared year round for rain. The summer months don't have as much precipitation as the rest, and temperatures can extend into the low 90's F and usually hang around 65-75 degrees F. The spring and fall months involve more rain, but is still decent for climbing. During the winter watch out!! You may get small windows of good climbing, but on the average it is either cold, raining, or snowing.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDEBOOK

This guide book combines route descriptions with drawings of the described routes. These drawings will either be on the same page or directly next to it. These drawings will usually include descent, protection, and trail information.

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## INTRODUCTION

The table of contents gives the locations of all the sections of the book for quick and easy access to areas of interest. Also, the index in back of book lists all route names, amount of pitches, and ratings with the corresponding page numbers for quick access to routes of interest.

Rating stars are used in the guide book as to point out personal favorites of the author and classic climbs of the area.

\* Good  
\*\* Great  
\*\*\* Classic. Must Do.

Symbols and abbreviations used in the guide book:

F.A.	-First Attempt	X	-Bolt
F.F.A.	-First Free Attempt	↪	-Descent
T.R.	-Top Rope	---	-Trail
P	-Pitches	Ft.	-Feet

### GRADING

The well known and common Yosemite Decimal System is used in this guide book for rating routes. The 5.0 to 5.14 class of the system, is all that will be used here. 1 through 4 are also part of the system but they only pertain to flat to steep hiking. Fifth class climbing involves the use of protection while climbing, and that's what rock climbing is all about.

How the fifth class system works:

- 5.0 to 5.5 is very easy and a good place for a beginner to start.
- 5.6 to 5.8 is moderate and most beginners will achieve these.
- 5.9 is a little harder and will involve some technical and strenuous moves, even for a moderate climber.
- 5.10 is where training starts to come into play. Moves become constant and more strenuous and technical than 5.9. Also, from 5.10 on up to 5.14 the ratings are further divided into a, b, c, and d ratings as to assess ratings more accurately.
- 5.11 is reserved for the dedicated climber and is very strenuous and technical.
- 5.12 is very, very hard. It helps to climb full time and have lots of talent.
- 5.13 and 5.14 are reserved for the hardcore, very talented, lizardlike climber who climbs full time.

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Chuckanut Drive also offers very fine bouldering of all grades. For this guide book, in contrast to the past, there will be a bouldering rating system used because of the many differences between bouldering and full pitch climbing. The system that will be used is the Sherman "V" Scale created by John Sherman, and incorporates technical and gymnastic difficulty not pump factor like the Yosemite system.

Sherman "V" Scale:

V1.....	Roughly 5.10d
V2.....	Roughly 5.11a-5.11c
V3.....	Roughly 5.11d-5.12a (Easy B1)
V4.....	Roughly 5.12b-5.12c
V5.....	Roughly 5.12d-5.13a
V6.....	Roughly 5.13b+
V7.....	Roughly 5.14-5.14+ (B2)

\*\*\*Remember the comparisons are ambiguous to the Yosemite rating system.

\*\*\*All routes will be considered bouldering routes if they are around 20 ft. or less in height.

### NEW ROUTES

If you know of any information for "unknown" credits, know of any routes not covered in this guide, or if you have put up a first ascent please contact the Academy of Northwest Gymnastics Rock Wall located at 1409 Frasier St Suite G in Bellingham, Washington.

### IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

If an accident occurs locate police and emergency units by calling 911. The nearest hospital is St. Joseph Hospital and is located at 2901 Squalicum Pkwy.

### GEOLOGY

The north section of Chuckanut Drive is composed of the Chuckanut sandstone formation. These formations are a very beautiful and complex in the fact that they are, for the most part, very solid for sandstone and include good friction and scalloped, crackless overhangs.

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The south sections of Chuckanut Drive is composed of Skagit gneiss and contrasts the north section greatly. Smaller edges and cracks dominate these formations.

### LODGING AND FACILITIES

Larrabee State Park offers water, camping (small fee), and picnic facilities. Good climbing and nice sand and rock beaches make this Park a great place to stay. Also, the city of Bellingham offers lodging, gas, food, and all other necessities. There are even a few outdoor stores in Bellingham to take care of any climber's needs.

### ETHICS

The ethics of this area are much the same as any other. The climbers here govern themselves, in other words, none of the parks have imposed any rules or regulations toward climbers. To keep it this way please follow these simple guidelines:

1. No chipping of holds. Just go to Sehome Hill to see the sad effects of chipping holds. For one thing it's plain ugly, also, it lowers the rock to your level. If you can't climb a wall then leave it for others to aspire to!!!!
2. If you want to place bolts anywhere, at anytime talk to the landowners to get an o.k. Also, please don't overbolt and use at least 3/8 inch bolts!!
3. In regards to clearing brush or moss on routes, follow the same guidelines as for bolting.
4. Please pack all garbage out with you when you leave. That includes athletic tape!!
5. Please travel on trails instead of making your own. We have a fragile environment that is worth more than a 15 second shortcut.

## SEHOME HILL

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Sehome Hill is a unique climbing area because of it's location within Bellingham city limits. This, combined with the fact that it is a forested hillside park with many trails, makes Sehome Hill a quick and diverse getaway for the urban climber.

The rock is composed of sandstone with delightful pockets and veins of solid pebble deposits. Yet, despite the diverse and enjoyable climbing, in the 1970's some brainless climbers chistled holds in the soft sandstone. This is an absolute no, no, and if local climbers find you doing this unspeakable act...(just don't do it!!!!). Also, be aware that mountain biking is illegal on the Sehome trails, and it's a good idea to bring a blanket or tarp to lay on the ground where you will be climbing because of the dirty and mossy environment.

### GETTING THERE

See map in front for directions. When the Sehome Arboretum entrance is found park at the gate. Hike .3 miles further up road until a wide trail cuts left. From here you will be able to see the crags on the right side of the trail.

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|----|--|-----|--------|
| 1. | The Text Book *  | 5.7 |        |
|    | F.A. Unknown   |     | 20 Ft. |
| 2. | Sehome Chimney *   | 5.4 |        |
|    | F.A. Unknown   |     | 20 Ft. |
|    | Variation: Within the chimney the deep cracks can be climbed at 5.8.                     |     |        |
| 3. | The Classic **   | 5.6 |        |
|    | F.A. J. Kenoyer & G. Mustoe 1966   |     | 25 Ft. |
|    | Trend left to mantle shelf, then move straight up on pleasant two finger pockets to top. |     |        |
| 4. | Lingley's Slab   | 5.3 |        |
|    | F.A. Unknown   |     | 20 Ft. |
|    | Usually mossy.   |     |        |
| 5. | The Diagonal (a.k.a. Catwalk)  | 5.9 |        |
|    | F.A. Unknown   |     | 30 Ft. |

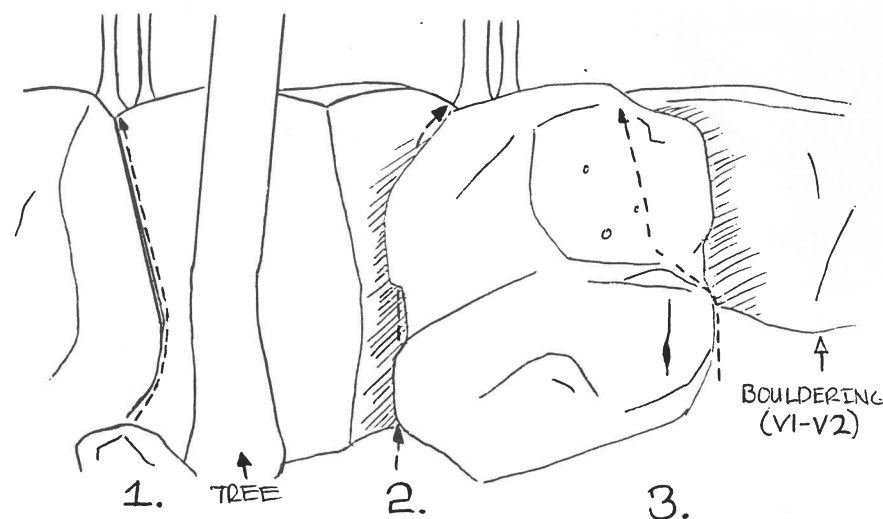
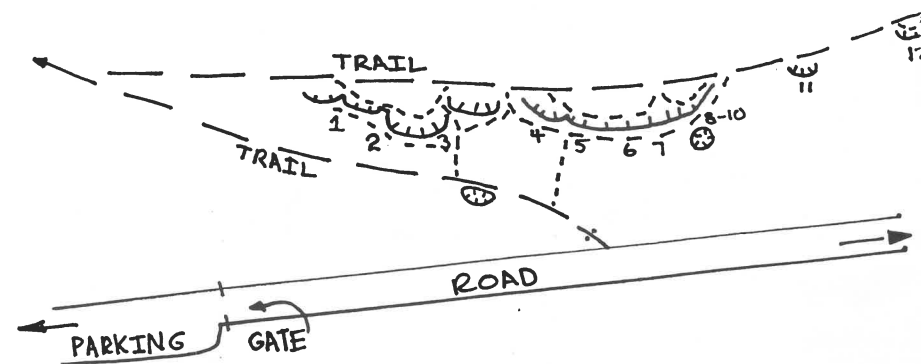


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| 6.  | Bolt Ladder #2 ** 5.10a<br>F.A. Bill Lingley 1970<br>Variation: Just right of B.L. #2. Very popular. 5.9 | 35 Ft. |
| 7.  | The Stairway 5.2<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Follow the chiped holds up the slab.                                 | 40 Ft. |
| 8.  | The Sidewalk 5.5<br>F.A. Unknown   | 30 Ft. |
| 9.  | Sidewalk Direct 5.10 b/c<br>F.A. Unknown   | 30 Ft. |
| 10. | Sehome Traverse ** V4<br>F.A. Unknown  | 20 Ft. |
- Follow trail above crags up the hill toward two more outcroppings that sport nice, short crack climbs. (no pictures)
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|-----|--|--------|
| 11. | Open Book Overhang * 5.10<br>F.A. Unknown<br>75 ft. up trail to obvious ledge on right. Use the large tree for top rope anchor.                                      | 15 Ft. |
| 12. | Jam Crack * 5.7<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Travel 100 ft. on trail past the O.B. Overhang to another obvious ledge on right. There are many trees here for top rope anchors. | 20 Ft. |

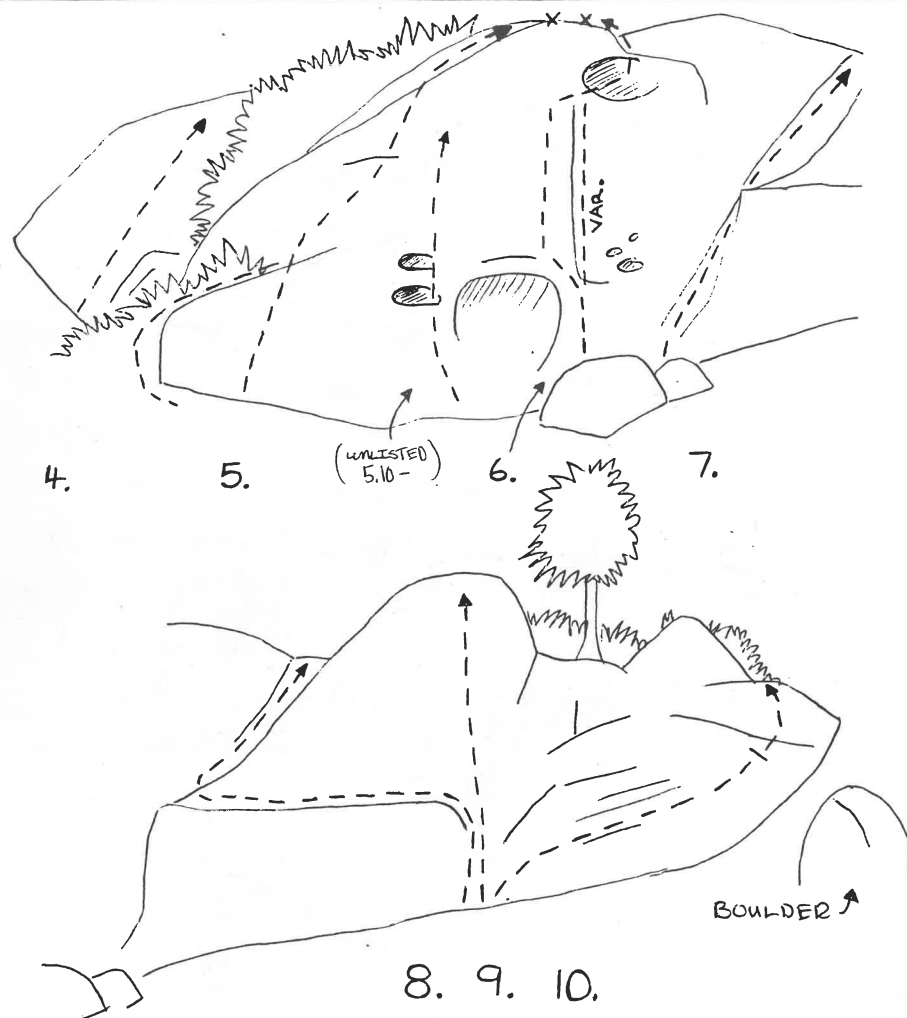
## SEHOME HILL

### OVERHEAD VIEW:





## SEHOME HILL



## LARRABEE STATE PARK

Larrabee State Park is one of the most beautiful parks in the state of Washington and offers some of the best bouldering and short pitch routes in the state. The short Chuckanut sandstone cliffs (most under 30 ft.) make this, first and foremost, a bouldering area; and there is only a select few leads to be found here. Also, the rock varies in quality, some routes are solid and some are not so use your best judgement.

For most of the routes conveniently placed trees offer top-rope anchors although cams and stoppers are occasionally helpful. Long slings or even a short second rope are recommended as many anchors are somewhat distant from the edges of cliffs. Another suggestion is to not get caught up in doing just routes found in this guide, there are an abundance of traverses and other short boulder problems that aren't described. Just use your imagination and the possibilities will be endless.

The routes are separated into three main areas due to their great number. The areas included are; North Larrabee, South Larrabee, and the Railroad Tracks.

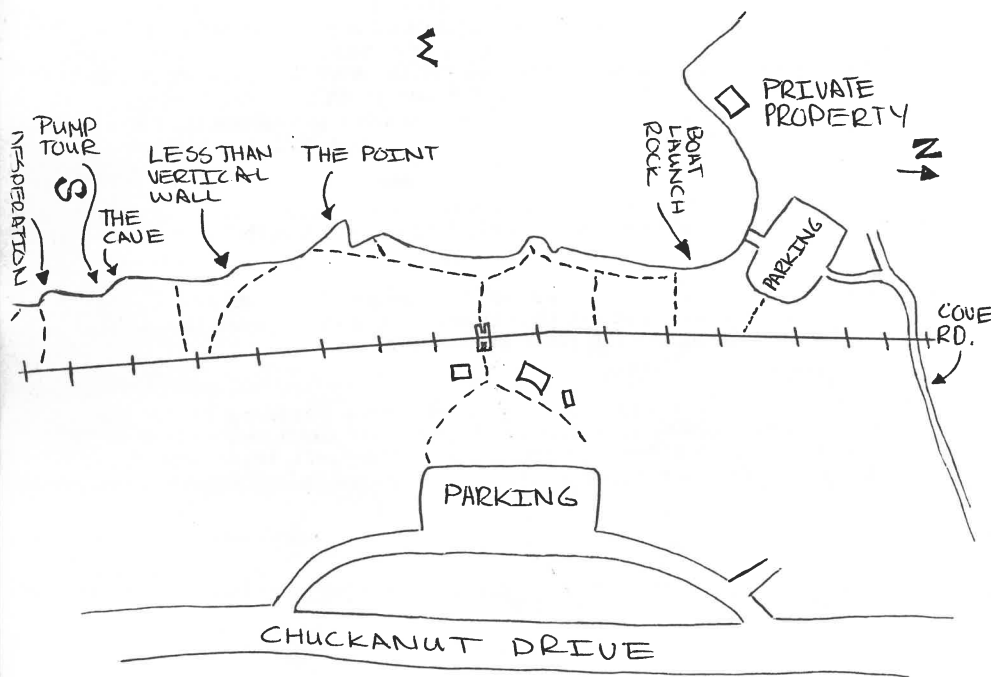
The park itself offers water, camping, and picnic facilities and there is no day use fee. Another plus is that there are many scenic trails, and rocky and sandy beaches for your enjoyment.

### GETTING THERE

Travel along I-5 until you reach the Old Fairhaven Parkway exit at the south end of Bellingham, Washington. Travel west until you reach an intersection with 12th street. Turn left, and stay left, (onto what later turns into Chuckanut Dr.) and drive 5 miles to the main parking lot.

## NORTH LARRABEE

North Larrabee's cliffs are listed from north to south as if you were traveling along the beach starting at the Boat Launch Rock. This section includes Boat Launch Rock, The Point, Less than Vertical Wall, The Cave, Pump Tour, and Desperation.



## NORTH LARRABEE

### BOAT LAUNCH ROCK

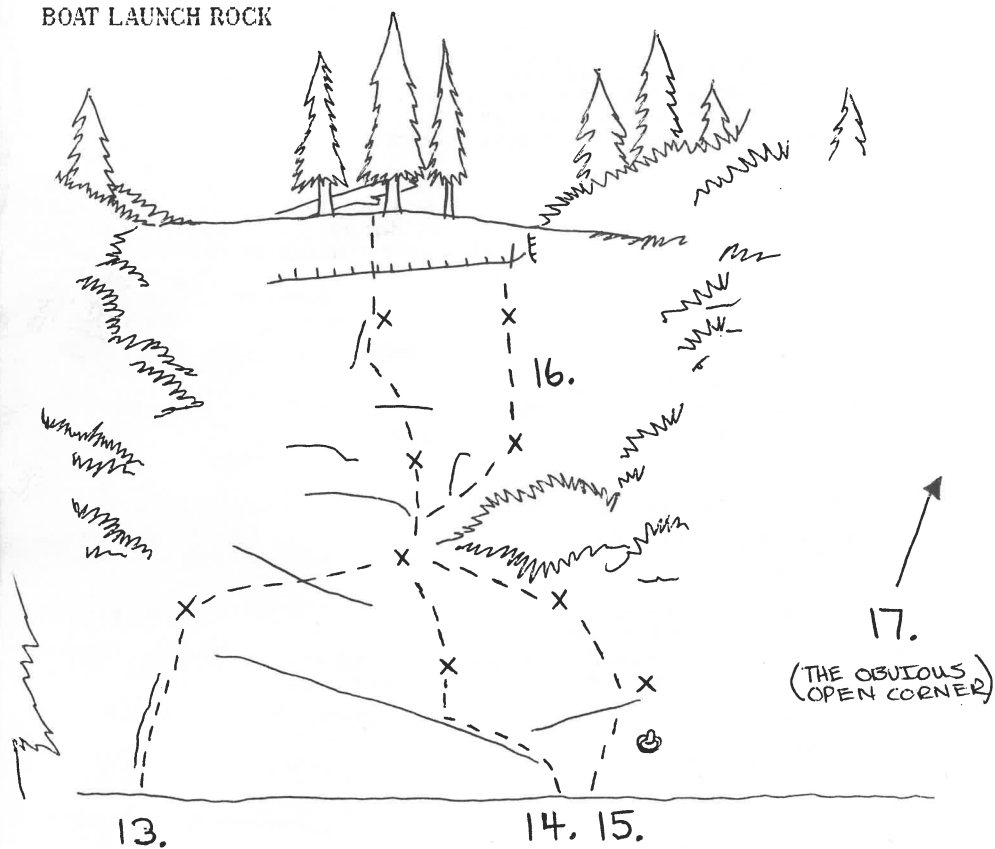
Boat Launch Rock is the largest cliff within the park boundaries. It rises 100 ft. in height and sports many slab variations of high quality sandstone, it also sports the only bolted leading in the park. A word of caution, the bottom of the cliff is almost totally inaccessible during high tides.

It can be approached via the park boat launch parking lot (turn on Cove road), or from Larrabee's main parking lot during low tide. From the boat launch parking lot there is a trail leading up the left side of the slab for access to the top and for descents.

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|---|-------|---------|
| 13. Variation Left                                      | 5.6   | 35 Ft.  |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |         |
| 14. Resistance Route **                                 | 5.7   | 100 Ft. |
| F.F.A. K. McBride & G. Mustoe 1971                      |       |         |
| A Larrabee State Park classic. Very popular.            |       |         |
| 15. Variation Low Right *                               | 5.9   | 30 Ft.  |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |         |
| 16. Variation High Right                                | 5.9   | 40 Ft.  |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |         |
| 17. Kenoyer's Folly                                     | Aid 4 | 65 Ft.  |
| F. Aid A. G. Mustoe & A. Carlin 1966                    |       |         |
| Directly use protection for accent up this open corner. |       |         |
| The dirt finish is only for the stoutest aid climber.   |       |         |

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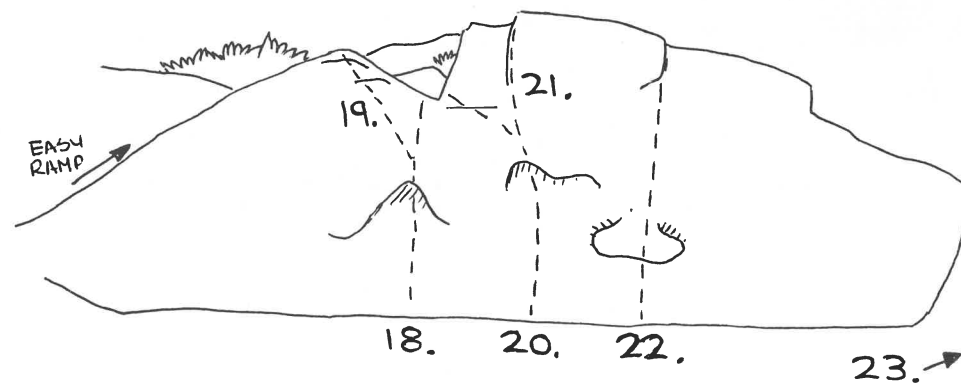


## NORTH LARRABEE

### THE POINT

From the main parking lot walk under the railroad tracks and down the lefthand trail to the beach. This wall offers good rock and a range of boulder problems, most 15 ft. in height. If you top-rope the face you will need some cams and aprox. 20 to 25 ft. of webbing.

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|-----|----------------------------|-------|--------|
| 18. | Undercling problem ***     | 5.8   | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |
| 19. | Variation to #5 *          | VI    | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |
| 20. | Flake Traverse **          | 5.9   | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |
| 21. | Flake Traverse Variation * | VI    | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |
| 22. | The Reach ***              | 5.9   | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |
| 23. | Sit Down Problem *         | 5.10b | 15 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown               |       |        |



## NORTH LARRABEE

### LESS THAN VERTICAL WALL

Less than Vertical Wall is located 50 ft. south of The Point. This short, steep cliff offers excellent bouldering with bad landing, but trees litter the top of the cliff to make for perfect top-rope anchors.

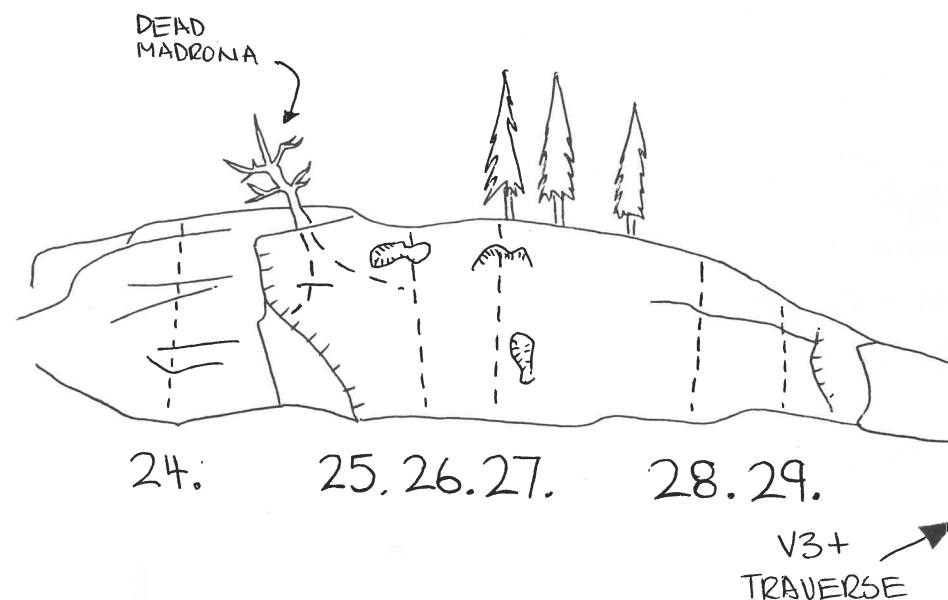
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| 24. Classic Steep Face    | 5.7  | 20 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown              |      |        |
| 25. Layback Dihedral *    | VI   | 20 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown              |      |        |
| Variation-Face exit ** VI |      |        |
| 26. Face                  | 5.5  | 20 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown              |      |        |
| 27. Overhang *            | 5.9+ | 25 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown              |      |        |
| 28. Death Ray Boogie **   | V2   | 20 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown              |      |        |
| 29. Steep Face            | 5.9  | 15 Ft. |

Just south of Less than Vertical Wall there is a cave (no picture) with a leftward trending traverse that goes at V3+. It starts in the righthand cave and traverses left to a large solution pocket and past to a funky heelhook corner. The traverse then finishes by exiting upward along a 5.8 crack. There are several V2 and harder ways of exiting the roof of the cave also.

To the south of the traverse there is a 80 degree slab (no picture) that sports a variety of mid. 5th class face/friction routes. Top-roping is simple from an obvious tree 3/4 of the way to the top, on a ledge. This face is perfect for beginners because of the simple 5th class problems.

## NORTH LARRABEE

### LESS THAN VERTICAL WALL



## NORTH LARRABEE

### THE CAVE

This crag (no picture) is the next one south from Less than Vertical Wall. It is identified by the shallow and very large sandy cave at its south end. The obvious crack/flare at the left is 5.8 (the first 15 ft. is good but the exit is dirty). The short handcrack through the roof of the cave has been clean aided (A1), and may have been free climbed. This crag is rarely climbed because of poor (sandy) rock and dirty upper face climbing so use good judgement.

### PUMP TOUR

A grey and white cliff, just south of The Cave, that is recognized by its sharp vertical arete and good rock.

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|--|--------|
| 30. Project  | 35 Ft. |
| Pad up "Grey and White" and finish directly over roof. |        |
| 31. Grey and White * 5.6                               | 35 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown   |        |
| Good face climbing. Dirty exit.                        |        |
| 32. Pump Tour (a.k.a. Moonwalk) *** V2                 | 15 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown   |        |
| Fine Situations. Truly memorable.                      |        |
| 33. Pump Tour Lip * V3                                 | 15 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown   |        |
| Pull straight over overhang. Very strenuous.           |        |

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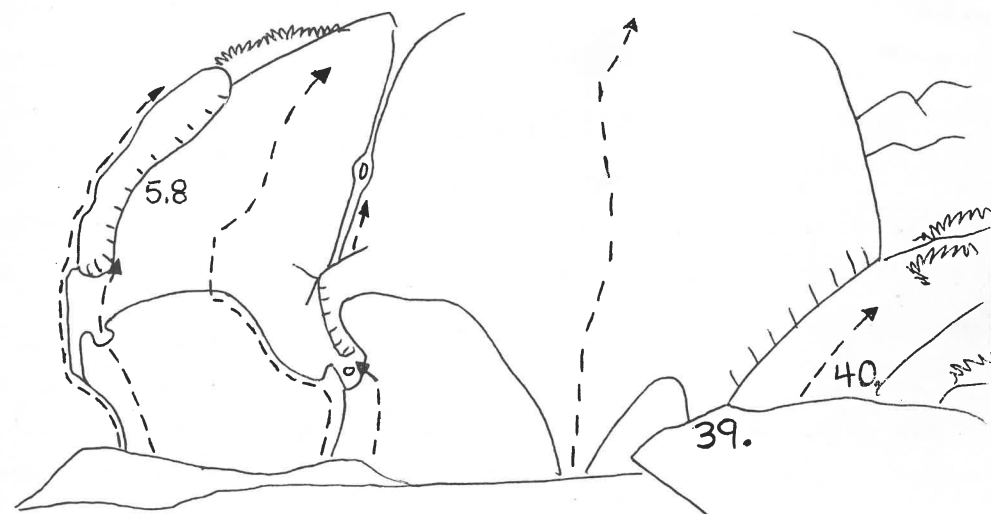
### DESPERATION (i.e. Meditation Rock)

Desperation is the next crag south from Pump Tour and is one of the most popular crags in the park. Access is found from the tracks and from the beach to this wonderfully overhung outcrop. To top-rope traverse out from tracks along the summit to the anchor tree. Either 20 ft. of webbing or a second rope should be used as a sling to cut rope drag.

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|---|-------|--------|
| 34. Desperation Face **   | 5.10a | 25 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| Fine start to a fine climb. 5.8 variation above.  |       |        |
| 35. Desperation Overhang Left **  | 5.11+ | 25 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| Very, very strenuous.   |       |        |
| 36. Desperation Overhang Right ***  | 5.10+ | 30 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| Powerfull moves gain a fine lip sequence.   |       |        |
| 37. Desperation Crack ***   | 5.10b | 30 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| Truely a ticklist climb. A Fine Finger Crack gains a pleasant hand crack finish.                        |       |        |
| 38. Project   |       | 35 Ft. |
| A very strenous start leads to the impossible. If it's climbed it will become Larrabee's hardest climb. |       |        |
| 39. Layback of Dihedral *   | 5.5   | 30 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| 40. Variation to Dihedral   | 5.8   | 30 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| Climb face right of dihedral.   |       |        |

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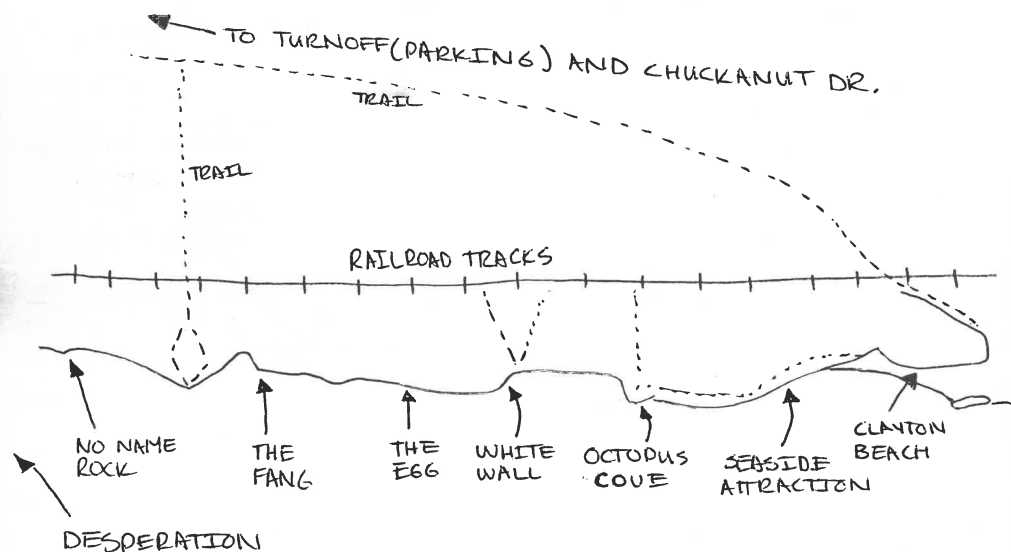
### DESPERATION



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## SOUTH LARRABEE

South Larrabee's cliffs are listed from north to south as if you were traveling south along the beach (starting at Desperation). This section includes No Name Rock, The Fang, The Egg, White Wall, Octopus Cove, Seaside Attraction, and Clayton Beach.



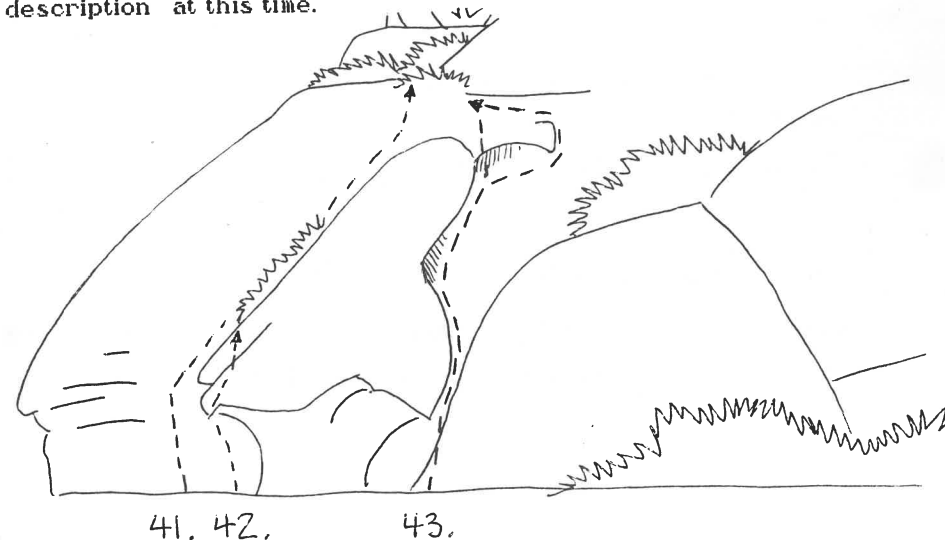
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### NO NAME ROCK

No Name Rock is probably one of the nicest crags on the water and also one of the least traveled. Access to the top-rope station is from the railroad tracks. If you are on the beach you can scramble up the trail, next to Desperation, to get to the tracks. At least 10 ft. of webbing is needed to cut down on drag.

- |     |                                      |       |        |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| 41. | No Name Left *                       | 5.8   | 35 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                         |       |        |
| 42. | No Name Overhang                     | 5.10+ | 35 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                         |       |        |
|     | Very sandy start. Fine lip sequence. |       |        |
| 43. | No Name Right *                      | 5.7   | 35 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                         |       |        |

More climbs exist to the right, but there is no known rating or route description at this time.





## SOUTH LARRABEE

### MUSCLE BEACH

Muscle Beach (no picture) is easily approached by walking north from the White Wall. The Egg is a smooth 10 ft. boulder perched on a flat slab. It has a V3 mantle on its' west face and a short 5.7 route just to the left (dirty). 90 Ft. north, past jumbled sandstone and a granite boulder, is a small point and The Fang (V2). The Fang is obvious because of its' 15 ft. curl. Short people may need a huge jump or a cheater stone to reach the initial pinchgrip holds. The short slanting handcrack to The Fang's left is deceptively difficult(5.10).

### WHITE WALL

White Wall (no picture) is easily approached from the tracks, an obvious and steep trail leads down the right side. About 10 ft. of webbing is needed to top-rope these routes and all of these routes are on wonderfully solid sandstone.

The routes are described from right to left.

- White Right \*\* 5.8 25 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
Short layback problem at extreme end.
- Dynalock Right \*\*\* V3+ 25 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
Crank past obvious undercling to fingerholds.
- Dynalock Left \*\* 5.7 25 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
10 ft. left of Dynalock Right. Hand traverse right on medium holds then pad straight up.

A few feet left of Dynalock Left several variations wander up to a 5.6 exit on fractured, dark sandstone. The scalloped overhangs to the left of these variations are loose and sandy, but if they were cleaned they could offer some interesting problems.

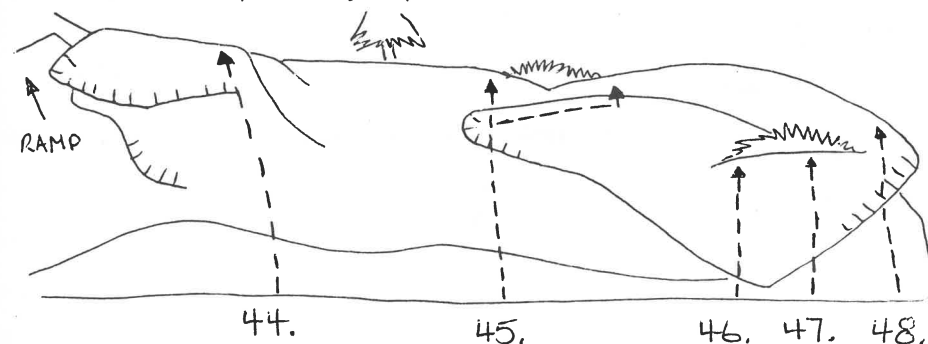
## SOUTH LARRABEE

### OCTOPUS COVE

Octopus Cove is an overhanging, 15 ft. high wall facing southwest. It is located in a narrow cove 50 ft. north of Seaside Attraction, and 75 ft. south of the White Wall. Long webbing could anchor trees for top-roping, but, beware of the tide (low tide is mandatory for climbing this cliff)

- 44. Charlie Don't Surf \* 5.10 15 ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
Climb leaning groove on finger holds.
- 45. Octopus Hand Traverse \* V1 15 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
Hand traverse the obvious shallow crack or climb straight up.
- 46. Octopus Left \* 5.9+ 15 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown
- 47. Octopus Right \* 5.9 15 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown
- 48. The Prow \* 5.10 15 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown

The right end overhangs and offers several more moderate to extreme routes on obvious, but suspect, holds.



## SOUTH LARRABEE

### SEASIDE ATTRACTION

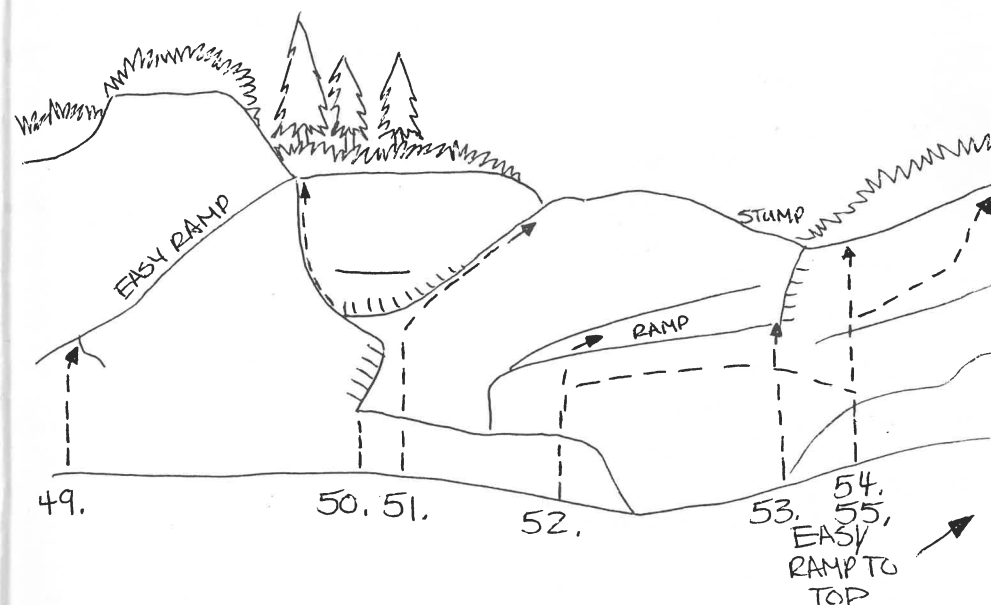
Seaside Attraction is 200 Ft. north of Clayton Beach, and is identified by its 5 ft. roof with a crack in the back. It can be top-roped with mid. to large cams in the horizontal crack above the roof. The other routes require long slings for anchoring on trees. If the tide is higher than 1.5 top-roping will be difficult, and if it is any higher you have to traverse left along the face (5.7) to reach the ledge below the roof.

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|-----|--|------|--------|
| 49. | Seaside North  | 5.7  | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
|     | Pull up to easy foot ramp.                           |      |        |
| 50. | Seaside Attraction **                                | 5.11 | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
|     | Hand traverse left under roof to short finger crack. |      |        |
| 51. | Seaside Crack *                                      | 5.9+ | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
|     | Hand traverse the crack at the back.                 |      |        |
| 52. | Seaside Traverse                                     | 5.8  | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
| 53. | Dophine Dihedral                                     | 5.4  | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
| 54. | Left   | 5.8+ | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |
| 55. | Right  | 5.9+ | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown   |      |        |

A grassy, vertical wall just right of Dolphin provides a good problem in dry summers.

## SOUTH LARRABEE

### SEASIDE ATTRACTION



## SOUTH LARRABEE

### CLAYTON BEACH

Walk south along the railroad tracks for about 1/2 mile to an obvious gravel path leading down to the beach. A popular alternative is to park in the turn out on Chuckanut Drive 1/4 of a mile south of the main parking area and follow the dirt trail down to the beach. Clayton Beach is an excellent bouldering area and also is the best sand beach in the park. So, look around and be creative, this area has a lot to offer.

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| 56. | The Block VI<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Hand traverse the top.<br>*this short, square cut overhang has many other problems also. | 15 Ft. |
| 57. | South Face Mod. 5th<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Pick and choose between the many moderate 5th class routes.                       | 15 Ft. |
| 58. | Corner 5.4<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Good, short stem problem.  | 15 Ft. |
| 59. | First Overhang 5.9+<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Bold finger traverse near top of boulder.   | 20 Ft. |

The area known as "The Overhangs" recently had the main overhang block fall out, so, the old routes are no more. In their place has developed many new problems that are waiting to be climbed.

The Underclings- Several obvious arete and overhang routes from 5.8 to VI (15 ft. high).

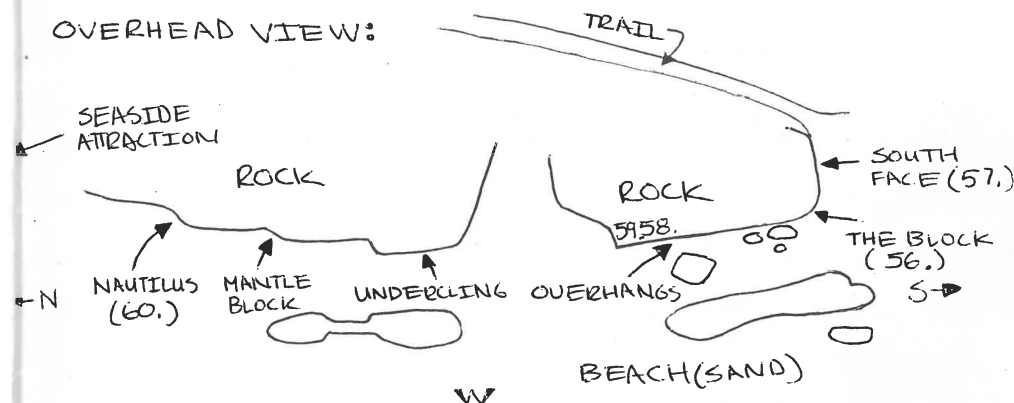
Mantle Block- A short, flat topped rock with several mantle routes from 5.7 to VI (10 ft. high).

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|-----|---|--------|
| 60. | Nautilus 5.9+<br>F.A. Unknown<br>Rising, left to right hand traverse. | 15 Ft. |
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### CLAYTON BEACH

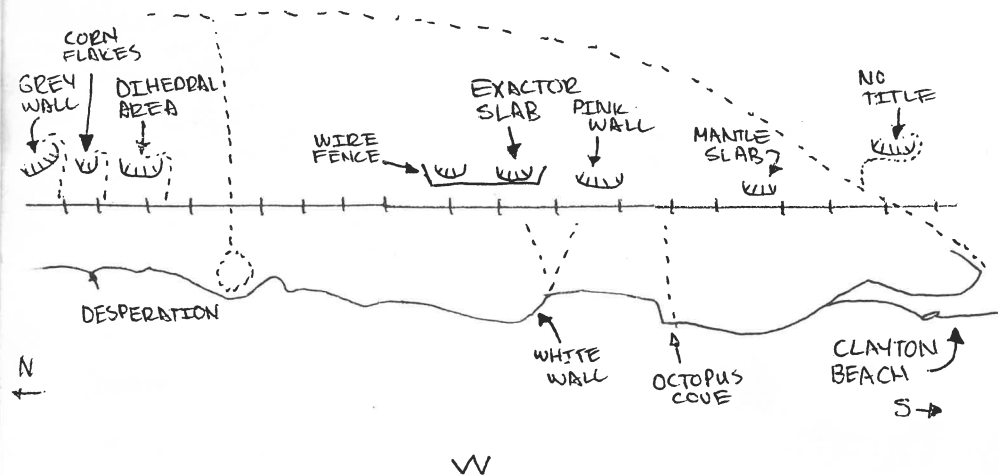
#### OVERHEAD VIEW:



## RAILROAD TRACKS

The Railroad Tracks cliffs are listed from north to south starting 100 ft. south of the tunnel (from main parking lot). This area includes Grey Wall, Corn Flakes, Dihedral Area, Exactor slab, Pink Wall, Mantle Slab, and an "untitled" rock.

\*\*\*DO NOT ANCHOR YOURSELF TO THE TRACKS OR LEAVE GEAR AROUND THE TRACKS BECAUSE TRAINS TRAVEL THROUGH LARRABEE STATE PARK REGULARLY!!!!



## RAILROAD TRACKS

### GREY WALL

The Grey Wall (no picture) is approx. 100 ft. south of the main trail tunnel, from the main parking lot. To get there either jump the fence where the tunnel travels under the tracks, or travel through the tunnel and follow the trail to The Point and then head to the top of Less than Vertical Wall where another trail takes you to the tracks (the Grey Wall is then directly in front of you).

This rock is characterized by its' horizontal and 45 degree cracks and the small roof at its' left end. Mid 5th class climbing covers most of this crag, making it very popular. Also, adding to its' popularity is the selection of boulder problems and traverses, including a short 5.10a undercling problem in the small roof.

To top-rope pad up the trail to the right and use the many trees for anchors (long webbing may be beneficial).

### CORNFLAKES

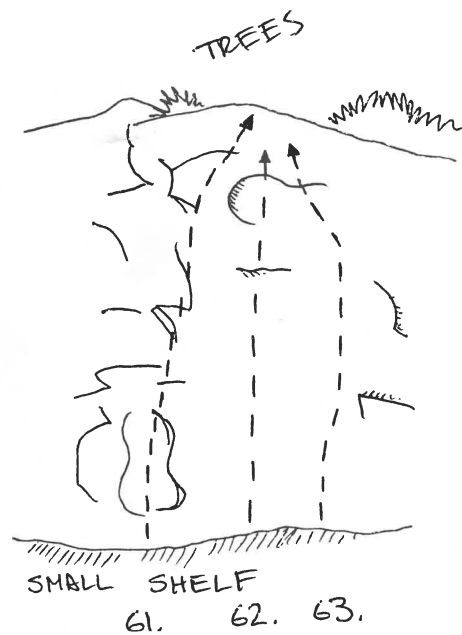
Cornflakes is the next small crag south of Grey Wall and offers tough face climbing. Recently the two top-rope bolts were vandalized so bring lots and lots of webbing to reach the distant trees. To get to the top-rope station travel the steep trail directly to the right.

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|-----|--|---------|--------|
| 61. | Nothing But Net                                | 5.9+    | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                                   |         |        |
| 62. | Flake City *                                   | 5.11a   | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                                   |         |        |
|     | Crank straight up blank face.                  |         |        |
| 63. | Flake City Right                               | 5.10b/c | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown                                   |         |        |
|     | Up blank face. Use larger holds to right also. |         |        |

There may be another route to the left of Nothing But Net that would go at 5.7-5.9.

## RAILROAD TRACKS

### CORNFLAKES



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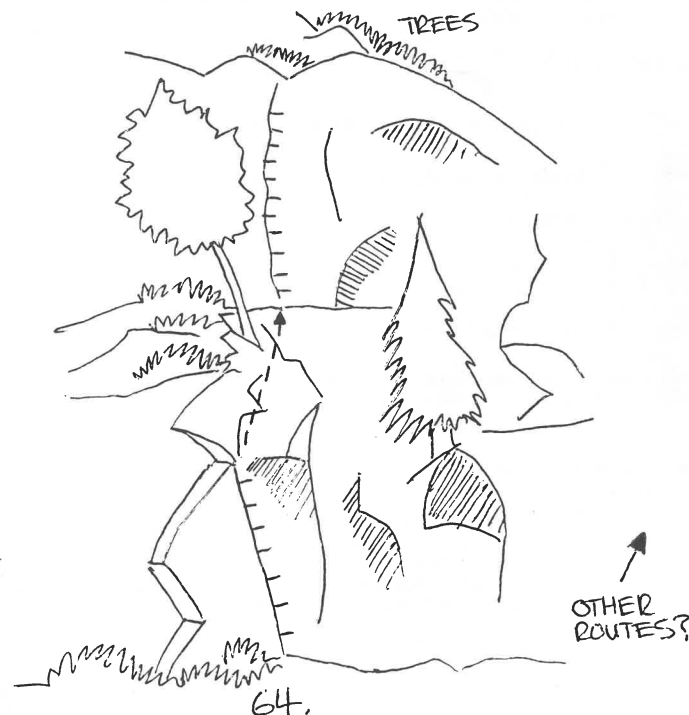
### DIHEDRAL AREA

The Dihedral Area offers one of the few leads in the park. The start of this 70 ft. cliff is characterized by an obvious open book that takes mid-sized cams. The flake above the tree ledge takes wire nuts. If you want to top rope it, hike the trail to the right of the cliff.

64. Railroad Dihedral \* 5.9  
F.A. Unknown

70 Ft.

Other route possibilities exist to the right.



## RAILROAD TRACKS

### EXACTOR SLAB

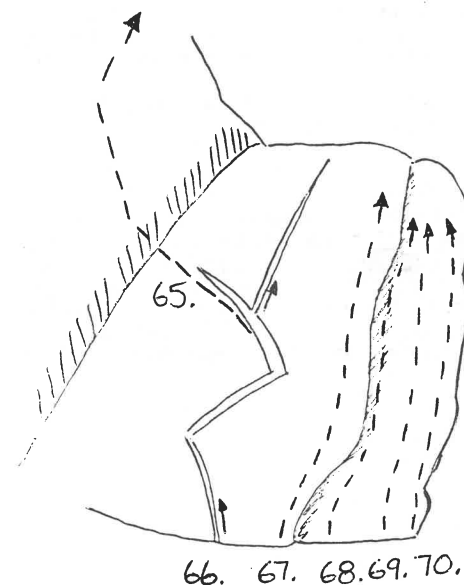
The Exactor Slab is located several 100 ft. south of the Dihedral Area. This pink/grey slab is characterized by a striking "lightning bolt" shaped crack. There is also a wire fence in front of it, also making it easy to find (the wire fence is for tree and rock fall).

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| 65. | Exactor Overhang  | 5.9   | 25 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown<br>Crank half way up crack and traverse left to overhang. Slap your way over large holds to slab finish above.   |       |        |
| 66. | Exactor Crack **  | 5.5   | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown  |       |        |
| 67. | Layback of Center Dihedral ***  | VI    | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown<br>Strenuous laybacking up center dihedral.  |       |        |
| 68. | Exactor Dihedral/Face ***   | 5.10b | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown<br>Climb right hand face using center dihedral and small wrinkles on face.                                       |       |        |
| 69. | Exactor Slab Route ***  | V2    | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown<br>Climb blank face on right without left dihedral or right edge. Good friction and situations. A Larrabee Must! |       |        |
| 70. | Right Edge Layback ***  | 5.8   | 20 Ft. |
|     | F.A. Unknown<br>Wonderful laybacking and fine situations.   |       |        |

To the left of the Exactor Slab, yet still behind the wire fence, is another moderate slab with a good traverse to its left. There is also a good sitdown overhang problem with many variations.

## RAILROAD TRACKS

### EXACTOR SLAB



## RAILROAD TRACKS

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### PINK WALL & MANTLE SLAB

Just south of the Exactor Slab is the Pink Wall (no picture) which is a short, pink cliff with a long traverse at its base and an endless supply of short face problems. It includes a 5.9 mantle at its left end and the traverse mentioned is at least a two star traverse at 5.7-5.9.

Past this is one more small outcrop (no picture) that offers a good 5.10 mantle problem onto a slab (mantle slab).

### No Title

This crag (no picture) is located straight east from Clayton Beach. It is found on the east side of the tracks, back in the trees. A trail branches off of the main Clayton Beach trail right before it meets the tracks. Follow this trail directly to the crag which slightly overhangs. There is some bouldering on it and a good undercling reach to right leaning holds and a final technical move to finish over the top (5.9+). To top-rope, there is a large tree at the top (over 10 ft. of webbing needed to cut down on drag).

## THE BAT CAVES

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The Bat Caves, located on Blanchard Mountain, were named because of the large crevices in a giant boulder field that house a rare breed of bat. The Bat Caves are also home to many outdoor enthusiasts. Rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and spelunking are only a few of the options here. Climbers love this place because of the breath taking views of Pug et Sound and the Cascades, while climbing the 300 ft. rock face above the boulders. Also, there is camping at the base of the cliff, and at the two lakes above.

The rock is of Pre-tertiary origin and consists of sedimentary and metasedimentary rock. This rock may be friable and loose in areas so use caution while climbing, and it's a good idea to wear a helmet.

### GETTING THERE

West Approach: (Est. time: 2 hours-use map in front for overview)  
Follow Chuckanut Drive about 10.5 miles south of Fairhaven to parking on the right, just past the Oyster Bar. A Pacific Northwest Trail sign will be located on the left side of the road where the trail cuts south. Follow this trail for just over 1 mile where it meets another trail. From here go left and follow this trail for another mile. It will then meet another trail, from here travel up the right hand trail. Then travel past two large rock outcrops and a sign with information about their formation. Follow the trail .2 more miles and turn left at the tree that has a orange bat spray painted on it. Follow this trail past a small stream and to the cliff and camping area.

East Approach: (Est. time: 1 hour-use map in front for overview)  
From I-5, take the Alger exit(#240) and go west .4 miles and turn left on Barrel Springs Rd. In another .7 miles turn right on a good gravel road(it has a "Blanchard Mt." trail sign). In about 2 miles the trailhead and parking for Lily and Lizard Lakes are found. Don't stop here, instead travel up the gravel road, to the left of the trailhead, to it's end and the unmarked trailhead heading north. Follow this trail north and gradually uphill past 2 trails on the left. Keep traveling past 2 outcrops of rock, the second one including a sign with information about their formation. Follow the trail .2 more miles and turn left at the tree that has a orange bat spray painted on it. Follow this trail past a small stream and to the cliff and camping area.

To Lily Lake and it's camping facilities:

At the orange bat on the tree keep going up the hill another 300ft. to another junction. If you travel left for .5 miles here you will reach the top of the cliff, instead travel right for 1 mile until Lily Lake is found.



## THE BAT CAVES

### San Juan Wall:

71. Wall Street \* 5.7 100 Ft.  
F.A. D. Kloke and J. Brantley 1970

Route characterized by an outward sloping ramp at the base of the San Juan Wall with two short "steps" providing the crux. Scramble easily up mossy rock to start. The first 50 ft. of route involves slabby rock with a crack extending the distance for fingerholds and protection. The first "step" involves a 6 ft. crack to slab above. With in another 20 ft. the second "step" is found, which is a short crack leading to the final 15 ft. of the climb. Decent: There are two choices; 1. ascend 120 ft. over moss, brush, and rock to top, or 2. descend a 30 ft. gully to the left that leads to broad shelf, then traverse right to the base of the wall.

### Samish Wall:

72. Hanging Loose 5.8+ \*\* (2p) 200 Ft.  
F. Aid A. (Ad) R. Miller and R Caristad 1971  
F. F. A. Unknown

This climb is characterized by a prominent crack up Samish Wall. Start behind and right of the "Triangle". The first pitch starts with a chimney at 5.3 and then up to a ledge (5.7). Then traverse left 15 ft. (5.8) to the first bush on the crack where a belay can be made (the traverse is poorly protected). The second pitch involves climbing the crack straight over the top (poorly protected-needs very large protection).

73. Nutcracker Corner 5.7\* 100 Ft.  
F.A. T. Norr and D. Corning 1966

The route travels the obvious corner on the right of Samish Wall. Behind the small maple tree, climb a detached flake to a 10 ft. hand crack. Climb it and continue up the corner for 20 ft. where it steepens. Climb over the top or climb the variation to the right. The variation involves making a rightward diagonal traverse for 12 ft. to reach a rib. The last 20 ft. up this rib is 5.5.

## THE BAT CAVES

### The Upper Tier:

74. Upper Tier Crack \* 5.10+ 60 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
Crank up the impressive crack splitting the face.

### The Boulder Field:

75. The Triangle/South Rib 5.5 20 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown  
76. The Triangle/North Rib 5.5 20 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown

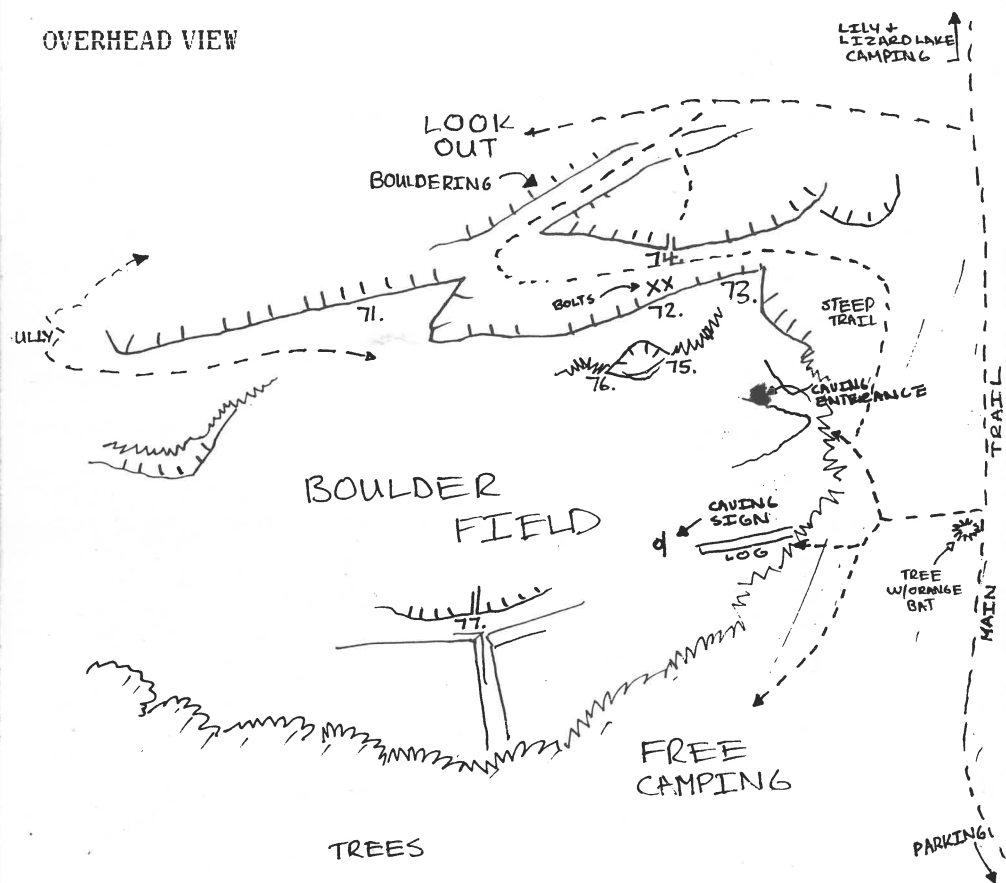
The Triange (for the above two routes) is the 20 Ft. boulder located a few feet from the base of Samish Wall. The west side is overhanging while the east side is a steep slab.

77. Split Boulder Crack \* 5.6 25 Ft.  
F.A. Unknown

This obvious crack is found at the bottom of the boulder field in the gully between the two broken halves of the very large split boulder.

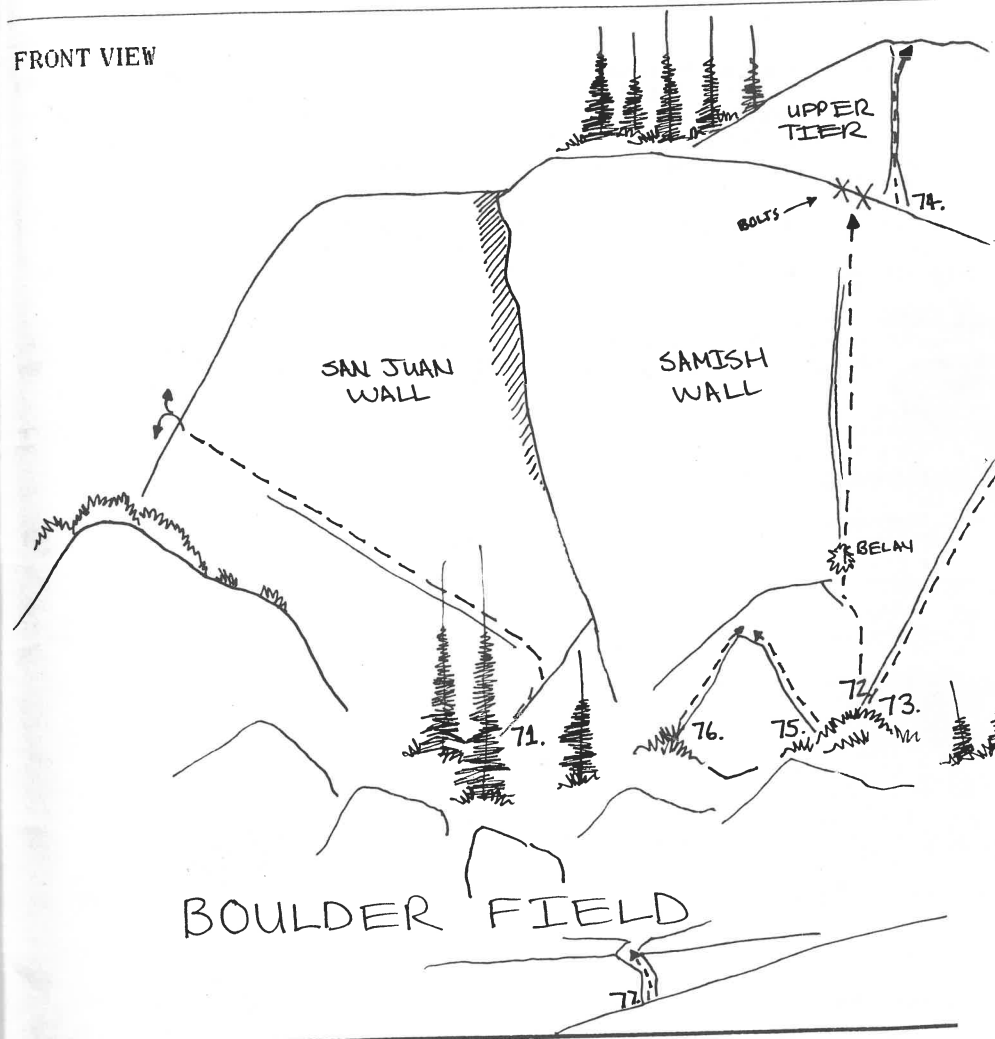
# THE BAT CAVES

OVERHEAD VIEW



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## TURTLE ROCKS

I'm going out on a limb by putting the Turtle Rocks in this guide book. There are two reasons for this; 1. the rocks are right next to the main road, and 2. much of the routes have loose rock that's dangerous for the climber and vehicles passing by. So, this guide book is going to include the safest routes possible and omit the ones that could cause unwanted accidents.

The rock is a highly metamorphosed rock that has been serpentized. It is characterized by slick green rock with thin edges and cracks, and very loose rock. Please climb here with extreme safety!!!!

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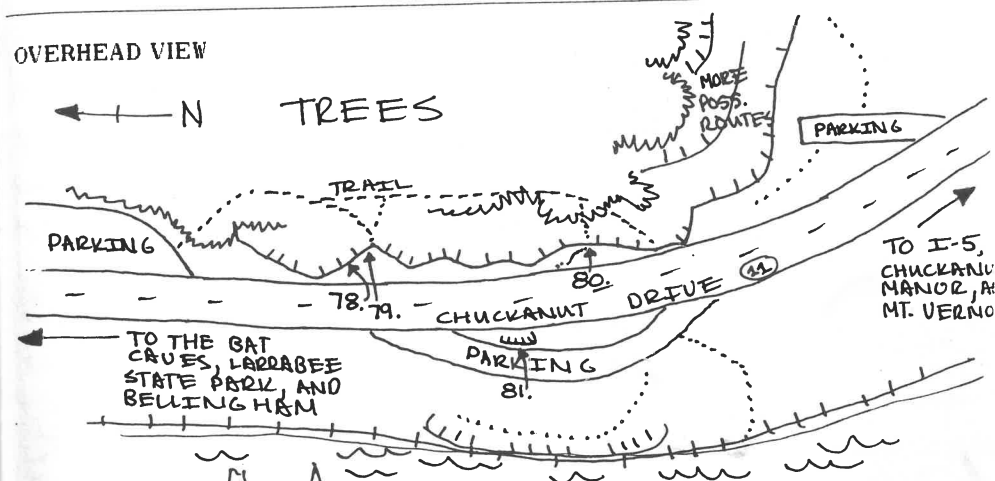
Travel south on Chuckanut Drive until you start to drive into Skagit Valley. The rocks will be on the east side of the road just north of the Chuckanut Manor Restaurant. You can park on both sides of the road on turnoffs.

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| 78. Tortoise Crack   | 5.9   | 100 Ft. |
| F.A. Unknown   |       |         |
| 79. Tortoise   | 5.8   | 100 FT. |
| F. Aid A. G. Mustoe and K. McBride 1970 (5.7 (A2))           |       |         |
| F.F.A. Unknown   |       |         |
| 80. Turtle Rock Face   | 5.10a | 80 FT.  |
| F.A. Unknown   |       |         |
| Climb the most obvious and wide blank face. Some good moves. |       |         |
| 81. Turtle Boulder *   | 5.6   | 15 Ft.  |
| F.A. Unknown   |       |         |

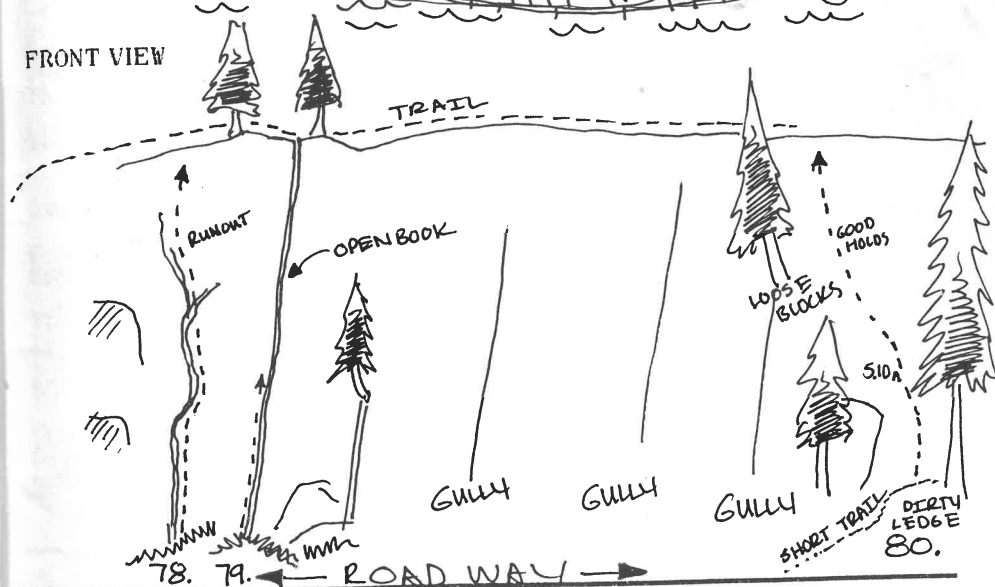
The boulder directly across from Tortoise, in the turnoff. Climb the obvious crack.

## TURTLE ROCKS

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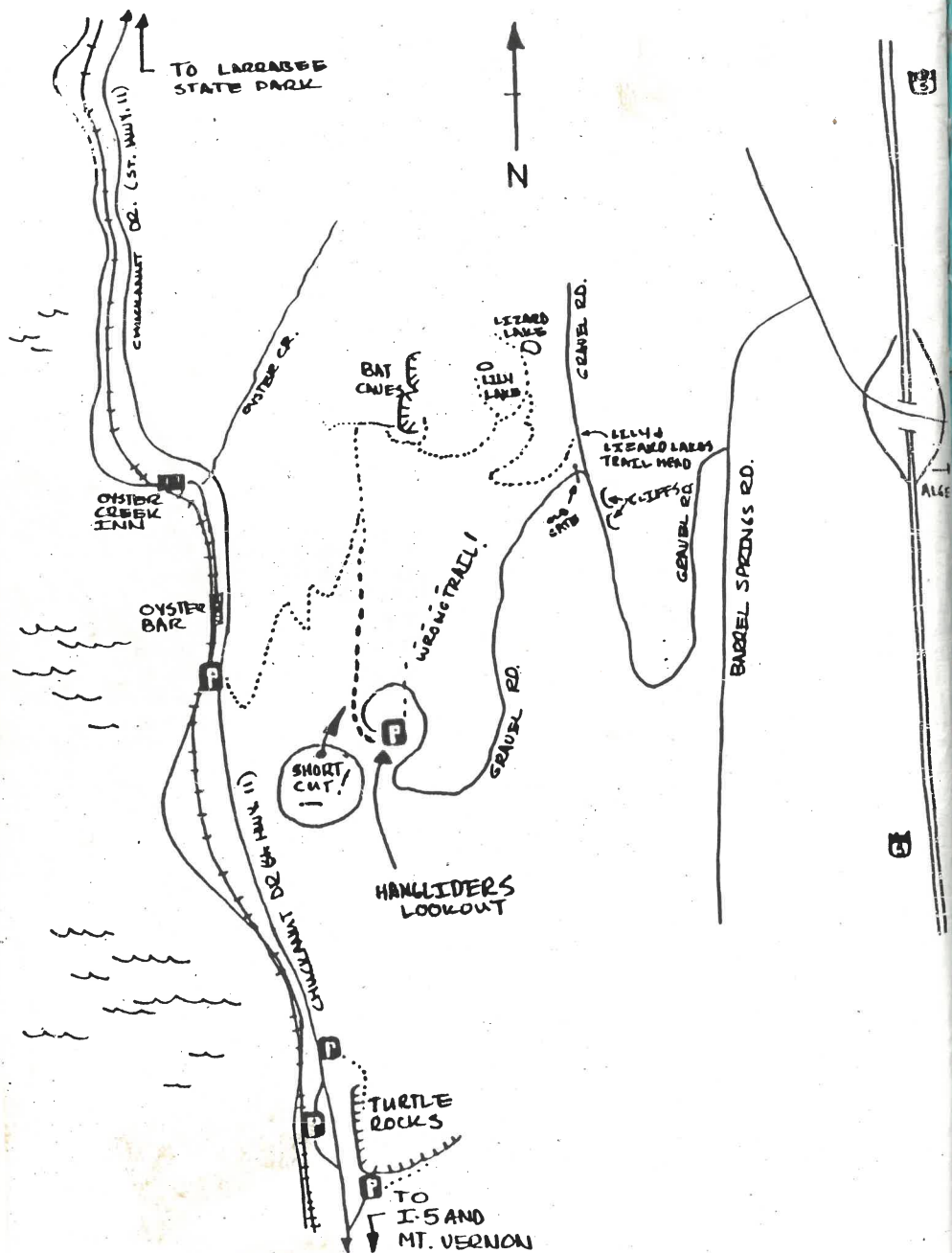
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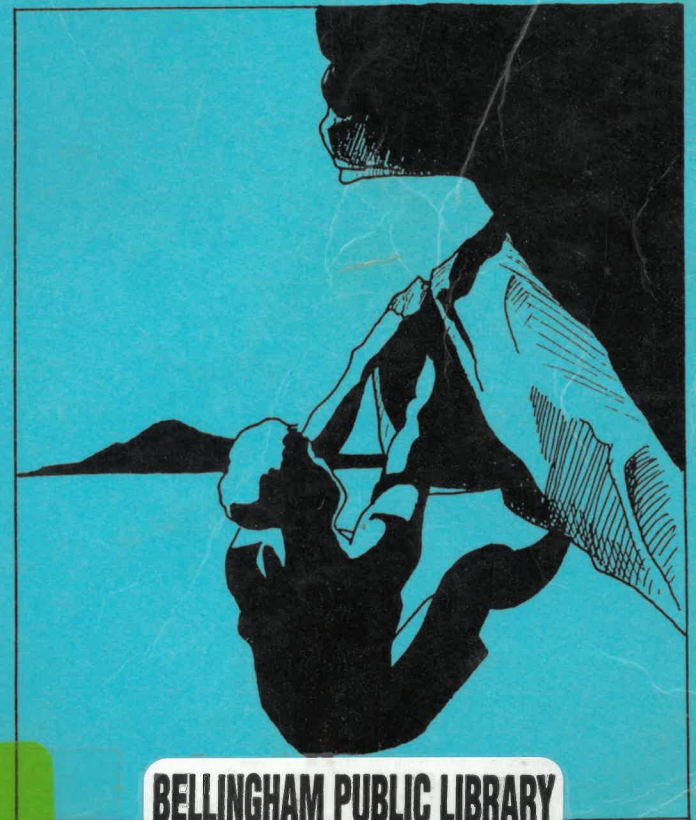
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